



**What is grace?** We've been learning that grace is **undeserved blessing**. Okay, but what does that mean? What's it look like? On Wednesdays this month, we've looked at **faces of grace**—examples of people in the Bible who gave and received grace. This week, Jesus' parable of **The Two Debtors**.

Can you find **Matthew 18** in your Bible? One day, Jesus told a story about two servants in debt.

A **debtor** is someone who **owes** something and is expected to **pay it back**.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents." (Matt 18:23-24)

**What?!?** Do you know much ten thousand talents is?

**1 talent** = \_\_\_\_\_ **years** worth of work

...which means if a servant owed the king 10,000 talents, he would have to work...

\_\_\_\_\_ **years** to pay off his debt!

That's \_\_\_\_\_ **days** worth of work!

Is there any way that servant could ever pay back his debt? **No way!** But the king, "**forgives**" the debt. **Amazing!**

And what does the forgiven servant do next?

Well that's what makes Jesus' parable so interesting...



**For Class & Family Discussion:**

- When people asked Jesus questions, he often answered with some sort of story. **What question led to this story?** Let's look in our Bibles at the question Peter asked Jesus in **Matthew 18:21-22**...
- What does it mean to "**forgive**" someone?
- We've been learning all about grace this month. How is forgiveness connected to grace?
- Why would the first servant (who was forgiven so much) treat his fellow servant in such a bad way?
- What made the king so angry when he heard what had happened?
- "**Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?**" What does Jesus want all of us to understand?
- How is this parable a great example of the way God teaches us to treat each other in **Ephesians 4:32**?